

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 3-20 were pending at the time of the Office Action. New dependent claims 21-24 are added herewith, reciting features found in claims 19-20 as filed. Claim 19 is amended to depend from claim 1, and claims 4 and 6 are made independent. Several of the claims are amended to correct typographical or syntactic errors, and the specification is amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

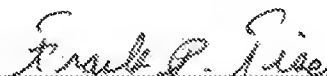
Claims 4, 6, 11-13, 17 and 18 are objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 10-18 are indicated to be allowable, but are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Applicants have made suitable amendments and submit that the deficiencies noted by the Examiner have been overcome.

35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 3-9 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph for not enabling the person skilled in the art to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Specifically, the Examiner finds lack of enablement for catalysts in which A and/or B comprise one or two substituted or unsubstituted carbon atoms. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting, however, that there is enablement for catalysts in which A and/or B consist of one or two substituted or unsubstituted carbon atoms. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly, and believe that the rejection has been overcome.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request notification of same. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their representative, Frank Tise, if it appears that this would expedite examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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